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Attn: Chief Clerk:

After receiving the recent perposed rate increase from Carolina Water on our sewer rate, we questioned several families on our street (Mount Vernon-Oakland Plantation) and have found many are retired military and have owned their homes between 20 and 35 years.

One family who had lived on the street since 1973 indicated their sewer bill was \$30 per year when they first moved here.

After researching our past Carolina Water Statements, we found that our monthly statements from March 1993 (\$25) until October 2001 increased to \$30.33 or an increase of \$5.33 over a period of 8 years and 7 months.

And now, February 2005, just 3 years and 4 months after the last rate increase, Carolina Water wants to raise our rates to \$40.93, an increase of \$10.60 which is double the increases over the previous  $8\frac{1}{2}$  years.

We the undersigned feel the increase is excessive over such a short period and should not be approved.

Thank you for your consideration.

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